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CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS AUTHOR TALK ABOUT SOMALI REFUGEES IN SAN DIEGO

Library Author Series Features Books by Local Writers and Thinkers

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library announces an author talk, in conjunction with the ongoing *One Book, One San Diego* community reading campaign, featuring San Diego author Yasmeeen Maxamuud and her new book, *Nomad Diaries*, on Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

Stories about Somalia and Somalis regularly occupy the front page news. Whether it's about naval piracy, young boys missing from their homes, the Somali civil war or the Islamist groups that control parts of the country, Somalia is a headliner. In this novel, based mostly in San Diego, the quiet lives of Somali refugees in America take center stage, providing a welcome window into the culture and ways not offered by the news-desk. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author at the event.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. This year's selection is *Outcasts United* by New York Times journalist Warren St. John. Throughout the year the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will present workshops, lectures, discussion groups and TV and radio programming.

Learn about other events at the SDPL's Central Library and 35 branches, including an entire section for One Book, One San Diego, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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